

## NEWS FROM...

# The 1st Grade eLc Galaxy

February 17, 2017

### Skills to practice at home:

- ⇒ Help your child learn to identify visually and know the value of coins.
- ⇒ Give your child 4-5 numbers between 10 and 100 and have him/her put them in order from least to greatest OR greatest to least.
- ⇒ After reading a fiction book with your child, ask, "What do you know about (character)? What words does the author use to show you?"
- ⇒ While reading a non-fiction book with your child, ask, "What new information did you learn from the captions?"
- ⇒ Compare numbers using the terminology "greater than" "less than" and "equal to".
- ⇒ Discuss ways to be Safe, On Task, Always Respectful, and Responsible

## What's Going on in eLc

### Math Adventures

This week we have begun adding two digit numbers. In the initial part of learning this skill, we are NOT just lining up the numbers in a place value chart and adding. The students are using linking cubes to help them understand when they are adding ones and when they are adding tens. On paper, the students are making proof drawings by using "quick tens" (long straight lines) and ones (circles or x's). Through this method the students are already seeing that when they add two numbers that add up to be ten or greater, they need to make a new group of ten! They are grasping the concept of regrouping. After they have a firm understanding of these concepts, we will get to adding by lining the numbers up in a place value chart.

### Upcoming Visit

On March 27-28, we will have some very important visitors at our school! Forest Lake is going through a process to receive our STEM accreditation. We do so many wonderful things with science, technology, engineering and math at our school, and during these two days we will be showcasing them for the reviewers. It will be extra important those two days for students to come "dressed for success" in their school uniforms. Look for more information about this coming soon!

## Mark Your Calendar!

# February 2017

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Feb. 17—Half Day for students

Feb. 24—"Suessical, Jr." and FLE Foundation Auction –RNE Auditorium

Feb. 24—Class group picture day (Wear your uniform!)

# March 2017

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March 2—Dr. Seuss' birthday and Read Across America Day

March 21—End of the 3rd nine weeks

March 21—Spring individual pictures

March 20—24 Scholastic Book Fair

March 27-28 STEM Accreditation visit at FLE!

March 31—Report cards are issued

## PENCILS ONLY, PLEASE!



Make sure your child uses a pencil for homework assignments! First graders make lots of mistakes and they need to erase instead of scratch out! Thanks!

### Tissues, please!

It is that time of year! We are going through a 1 1/2 boxes of tissue a week! If your child's



name begins with a letter A – K, please send a box of tissue if you can! (Due to lack of storage, I don't want everyone to send one now! I will get M—Z to donate when we run out!

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